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--RELATED APPLICATION

This patent application is related to co-pending U.S. application Serial No. 09/438,025 filed November 10, 1999, and entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FINDING THE LOWEST OR HIGHEST VALUED VALID COMBINATION OF PARTICULAR OPTIONS.--

REMARKS

Early and favorable acceptance of this continuation application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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